Summer Conference Proposals

Proposal due date: March 20, 2008

The UCF Summer Faculty Development Conference is scheduled for April 29–May 2, 2008.

The Faculty Center for Teaching and Learning, Information Fluency Initiative, Office of Experiential Learning (Internships and Service-Learning), Office of Diversity Initiatives, and Office of International Studies and Interdisciplinary Initiatives will provide grants for faculty members who are transforming courses or programs by emphasizing assessment of learning outcomes, diversity, GEP unifying theme, information fluency, interdisciplinary, internships, internationalizing the curriculum, the scholarship of teaching and learning (SoTL), service-learning, undergraduate research or track-specific research, or other appropriate issues. Budget constraints this year compel us to reduce the grants to $800/person. If additional funds become available, this amount may be increased.

Project proposals should be sent directly to your area of interest. Criteria and submission procedures can be found on these specific websites:

- Diversity Initiatives Track <www.diversity.ucf.edu>
- Faculty Center <www.fctl.ucf.edu>
- Information Fluency Track <www.if.ucf.edu>
- International Studies Track <www.international.ucf.edu>
- Internships and Service Learning <www.coop.ucf.edu>

Selected Workshops

Saints by the River Book Club
Participants will discuss the themes in Ron Rash’s novel, Saints by the River. Join us and share your insights.

February 5, 12, 19, 3:00-4:00

Cut Your Grading Time with Rubrics
Rubrics set expectations and allow us to provide efficient, specific feedback on student performance. We will analyze rubrics from other universities, review your current rubrics, and assist you with creating a new one.

February 5th, 10:00-11:00
February 11th, 1:30-2:30

Meditation and Pedagogy
We will explore how meditation and mindfulness can be useful in teaching and learning.

February 11th, 1:00-2:30

Social Networking Tools and Scholarly Communication
Scholars no longer need to rely on academic publishers to reach an audience and share their ideas—blogs, wikis, and other social networking tools now make it possible for scholars to exchange ideas across an open medium.

February 14th, 1:00-2:30

Strategies to Internationalize Teaching & Learning
We will discuss curricular and instructional techniques that add an international dimension to your teaching.

February 7th, 3:00-4:00
February 21st, 10:00-11:00

Teaching with Groups
When is group work most effective? How do we grade a group assignment? Share your ideas and experiences and take away new ones you can use immediately.

February 6th, 1:30-2:30
February 13th, 10:00-11:00
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